COMPILATION

OF

STANDING ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OE BOMBAY

IN THE

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

(Corrected up to 31st March 1901.)

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Addresses : Rules regarding the receipt of — by Government servants.

No. 2467.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 20th August 1887.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Home Department, Public, dated 22nd July 1887—
Forwarding a copy of their following Resolution No. 29—1629-45 of the same date :—.

" Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, Home Department (Public), dated Simla, the 22nd July 1887.

READ—

Home Department Resolution No. 19—746-62, dated 11th May 1885, prescribing rules for the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government.

RESOLUTION.

In re-issuing the rules contained in Home Department Resolution of the 11th May 1885, with certain necessary additions, the Governor General in Council desires to invite the renewed attention of Local Governments and Administrations to the subject with which they deal and to impress on all concerned by them the duty of exact obedience to these regulations.

2. The rules do not apply to the receipt of addresses by the Head of any Government or Administration.

RULES.

1. Save as in these rules otherwise provided, all servants of Government, covenanted or uncovenanted, are forbidden to receive complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form ; or to accept testimonials of any kind ; or to attend public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour.

2. The Government views with disfavour all similar manifestations in the case of retired officers, when following immediately upon their retirement from active service, and designed as an acknowledgment of acts done by them while in the service of Government.

3. It is not intended to prohibit such an expression of regard for the private or official character of an officer retiring from service, or leaving his station or district, as is involved in a farewell entertainment supported by his personal friends, even though some of these may be his official subordinates. But it is expected that the proceedings on such occasions will be substantially of a private and informal character.

4. Local Governments and Administrations are authorised to forward to an officer who has left the station or district the resolution of any local public body recording a vote of thanks to him for help and advice afforded during his official connection with the station or district.

5. Medical officers are not prohibited from receiving pecuniary recognition of their services from a community or body of persons which may desire to acknowledge these, but the previous sanction of the Local Government or Administration must be obtained by medical officers before receiving any public complimentary address.

6. Nothing in the above rules is meant to prohibit compliance with the request of a public body that a Government officer should sit for his portrait, bust or statue in recognition of his public services: provided that the portrait, bust or statue is not intended for presentation to the officer concerned.

7. The participation of Government officers in the raising of funds for the foundation of scholarships or for procuring a portrait, bust or statue, as a spontaneous recognition of the services of a Government officer, is not forbidden; but it should be clearly understood that any solicitation on the part of officers of Government for subscriptions from any person who does not voluntarily come forward to contribute is disapproved by the Government of India.

8. The previous sanction of the Government of India must be obtained to the relaxation of these rules in any special case in which the Local Government or Administration may think this desirable.

* Madras.	Central Provinces.
Bombay.	Burma.
Bengal.	Assam.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	Coorg.
Punjab.	Hyderabad.

† Department of Finance and Commerce.	Public Works Department.
Foreign Department.	Revenue and Agricultural Department.
Military Department.	Legislative Department.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations marginally* noted for information and guidance; that a copy be communicated to all Departments† of the Government of India for information; and that the Resolution be published in the supplement to the *Gazette of India* for general information."

RESOLUTION.—Copies of the Resolution of the Government of India should be forwarded to all Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Offices under the several Departments for information and guidance in continuation of Government Resolution No. 1966, dated 27th May 1885.

2. The Resolution of the Government of India has been republished at page 684 of the *Bombay Government Gazette*, Part I, dated 11th instant.

Addresses: Rules regarding the receipt of — by Government servants.

No. 2822.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 17th May 1898.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Home Department (Public), dated the 6th May 1898—Forwarding, in continuation of their Resolution No. 29—1629-1645, dated the 22nd July 1887, a copy of the following Resolution, No. 729—53 of the same date, regarding the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government:—

"RESOLUTION.

By the rules attached to the Resolution above quoted, all servants of Government are prohibited, subject to stated exceptions, from receiving complimentary or valedictory addresses in any form, or testimonials of any kind, and from attending public meetings or complimentary entertainments of a formal and public character held in their honour. Several instances have recently occurred in which arrangements for the presentation of testimonials have been made and subscriptions collected apparently in ignorance of the fact that the proceedings were irregular and that the rules prohibit Government officials from receiving testimonials of any kind. It has also happened more than once lately that a formal character has been given to farewell entertainments, such as are permitted by Rule 3, by the publication in the newspapers of speeches made at them. The Governor General in Council in these circumstances

finds it necessary to call the attention of Local Governments and Administrations to the rules, and to request that it may be again impressed on all officers that they must be strictly observed. With a view to bringing them to the notice of the public, the Governor General in Council directs that they be republished in the *Gazette of India* and the Gazettes of Local Governments and Administrations. The rules do not apply to the receipt of addresses by the Head of any Government or Administration.

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'2. The Government views with disfavour all similar manifestations in the case of retired officers, when following immediately upon their retirement from active service, and designed as an acknowledgment of acts done by them while in the service of Government.

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Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
Government of the Punjab.
Government of Burma.
Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
Chief Commissioner of Assam.
Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
Resident at Hyderabad.

(*b*) Foreign Department.
Financial Department.
Military Department.
Public Works Department.
Legislative Department.
Department of Revenue and Agriculture.

(*c*) Superintendent of Port Blair.
Director General of the Indian Medical Service.
Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.
Secretary to the Board of Examiners.
Registrar of the Calcutta University.
Bishop's Chaplain.
Registrar, High Court, Calcutta.
Officer in charge of the Records of the Government of India.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to (*a*) all Local Governments and Administrations, (*b*) all Departments of the Government of India, and (*c*) all Heads of Departments subordinate to the Home Department, and that the Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* for general information."

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2. The Resolution should be published in the *Bombay Government Gazette.*

No. 4008.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 13th September 1899.

Resolution of the Government of India, Home Department (Public), No. 1812—36, dated the 19th August 1899 :—

"READ again—

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 32, dated the 4th June 1873.

READ also—

Home Department Resolution No. 729—53, dated the 6th May 1898, republishing the rules prohibiting the receipt of testimonials and addresses by servants of Government.

RESOLUTION.

In the Despatch of June 1873, read in the preamble, the Secretary of State ruled that a medical officer may, as an exception to the general rule, receive purses and other such testimonials from communities, but may not receive an address unless the Government under which he serves has previously permitted its presentation. These orders are embodied in Rule 5 of the rules republished with the Resolution of May 1898 read in the preamble. The rule mentions pecuniary recognition only, and the point has been raised whether it should also be made to cover cases in which either the donors or the medical officer himself prefer that the presentation should take some other form than a gift of money. The Governor General in Council is of opinion that the exception is meant to apply to such cases and is therefore pleased to direct that Rule 5 shall be altered as follows :—

'Medical officers are not prohibited from receiving a pecuniary or other gift in recognition of their services from a community or body of persons which may desire to acknowledge these; but the previous sanction of the Local Government or Administration must be obtained by medical officers before receiving any public complimentary address.'

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RESOLUTION.—Copies of the Resolution of the Government of India should be forwarded to all Departments of the Secretariat and all Heads of Offices under the several Departments for information and guidance in continuation of Government Resolution No. 2822, dated the 17th May 1898.

2. The Resolution has been published in the *Bombay Government Gazette*, Part I, of the 7th instant.